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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR FISHERIES

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: THE EC COMMISSION ON APRIL 28 ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF EAMON GALLAGHER AS EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR FISHERIES. THE NEW DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR FISHERIES (DG-XIV) IS BEING ESTABLISHED TO CARRY OUT THE COMMISSION'S RESPONSIBILITY IN REGARD TO FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT IN THE NEWLY EXTENDED FISHING ZONES OF THE MEMBER STATES. IT WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATING FISHERY AGREEMENTS WITH INTERESTED THIRD PARTIES. AUTHORITY FOR THESE ACTIVITIES WAS DIVIDED IN THE PAST PRIMARILY BETWEEN THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (DG-I) AND THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE (DG-VI). IN ADDITION TO GALLAGHER'S APPOINTMENT, FREDERIK VISSER (DUTCH) HAS BEEN APPOINTED ACTING DIRECTOR FOR FISHERY "MARKET AND STRUCTURES," WHILE THE EARLY APPOINTMENT OF RAYMOND SIMMONET (FRENCH) TO HEAD THE DIRECTORATE FOR RESOURCES AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (LARGELY NEGOTIATIONS) IS ANTICIPATED. SEVERAL LOWER-LEVEL APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN

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MADE OR ARE EXPECTED SHORTLY.

2. THE BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON MR. GALLAGHER RELEASED UPON ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT NOTES THAT HE WAS BORN IN GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, ON JULY 13, 1926, IS AN IRISH NATIONAL AND WAS A CAREER DIPLOMAT IN THE IRISH DIPLOMATIC SERVICE FROM 1949

UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT IN JANUARY, 1976 AS PRINCIPAL ADVISOR IN THE EC DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS. IN THE IRISH FOREIGN SERVICE, HE WAS VICE CONSUL IN BOSTON AND NEW YORK FROM 1950-59 AND SERVED IN IRELAND'S EMBASSIES IN BRUSSELS AND IN PARIS AS WELL AS HOLDING POSITIONS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN DUBLIN WHERE HE LAST SERVED AS DEPUTY SECRETARY. HE WAS PROMOTED IN THE EC COMMISSION TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL IN JULY 1976 AND HAS SINCE EXERCIZED PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: EC EFFORTS TO CARRY OUT AN AMBITIOUS FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AS WELL AS TO NEGOTIATE EXTERNAL FISHERY AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY WITH A NUMBER OF INTERESTED THIRD COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY HANDICAPPED BY LACK OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL IN THE COMMISSION. COMMISSION OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN PRESSING FOR SOME TIME TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY STAFF RESOURCES TO PERMIT THE COMMISSION TO MEET ITS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 200-MILE FISHING ZONES IN THE NORTH SEA AND ATLANTIC, BUT HAVE RUN UP AGAINST BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS AND THE RELATIVELY INFLEXIBLE PERSONNEL POLICIES WHICH HAMPER THE TRANSFER OF OFFICERS WITHIN THE COMMISSION. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW DIRECTORATE GENERAL, THE APPOINTMENT OF GALLAGHER, AND THE APPROVA OF A NUMBER OF KEY STAFF POSITIONS SHOULD HELP IMPROVE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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